

VMFA-122 Commanding Officer – Hazing Policy



This squadron's sole purpose is to deploy into combat, fight and win whenever our nation calls. From the World War II Pacific campaign, to Vietnam and the Global War on Terrorism, VMFA-122 has established a remarkable legacy of service to country and Corps. I am honored to command the best squadron in the Marine Corps.

My Vision

"Passionate and disciplined commitment to balanced excellence."

Hazing is defined as conduct that causes suffering or exposes a Marine or Sailor to an activity that is cruel, abusive, humiliating, or oppressive. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any form of initiation or congratulatory act that involves physical striking another to inflict pain, piercing another's skin in any manner, verbally berating another, encouraging excessive consumption of alcohol, or encouraging another to engage in illegal, harmful, demeaning or dangerous acts. Facilitating or soliciting this activity is also hazing.

Simply stated... **hazing is a crime and it will not be tolerate by any member of VMFA-122**

As stated by our Commandant in MCO 1700.28, *"Marines [and Sailors] are our most precious assets. I will not tolerate any instance where one Marine inflicts any form of physical or psychological abuse that degrades, insults, dehumanizes or injures another Marine. We will protect our Marines through fair, scrupulous, and unbiased treatment as individuals – caring for them, teaching them and leading them."*

There must be a climate of zero tolerance for hazing throughout this command. I expect all members of this squadron to actively address any forms of hazing by reporting it to the chain of command. As I state in my Equal Opportunity Policy, I am committed to ensuring every single Werewolf be provided the opportunity to achieve excellence. Hazing is a destructive force that poisons the potential of this squadron and robs the victim of this opportunity.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. E. Wiegel". The signature is stylized with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Wade E. Wiegel

Lieutenant Colonel, United States Marine Corps
Commanding